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The institute is also developing a kind of building material which consists of sawdust, cement, and chemicals. It will be used in the form of plates for the walls, ceilings, and floors of conventional and prefabricated buildings.

The institute also tests building materials for power plants and factories in Slovenia.

**PREFABRICATED HOUSE FACTORY BEGINS OPERATION -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 182, 31 May 50**

Because of the great shortage of housing for railroad workers, the Yugoslav Railroad Administration has decided to construct five prefabricated house factories. The first of these factories was built recently in Naklo near Kranj, Slovenia. This factory, which was built in 3 months, will begin operation on 1 June 1950. The factory consists of two large workshops, each 100 meters long and 21 meters wide, a warehouse for cement and finished products, a workshop for iron parts and fixtures, and a pattern shop.

The houses which the factory at Naklo will construct will not be temporary buildings. They will be fairly large two-story prefabricated houses, constructed according to the system of Architect Todic in Belgrade.

Most of these houses will contain eight apartments, while some of them will have four. Each apartment will have one or two rooms with a kitchen and auxiliary rooms.

The factory is scheduled to produce its first 15 prefabricated houses between 1 June 1950 and the end of the year. Four of these will be four-apartment houses and 11 will be eight-apartment houses. Most of these houses will be erected in Ljubljana and in other large railroad centers.

**FACTORY MANUFACTURES NEW INSULATING PRODUCTS -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 130, 2 Jun 50**

Production at the "Industrija Bitumenskih Izdelkov v Ljubljani" (Bituminous Products Enterprise in Ljubljana) has improved considerably during the past few months.

The enterprise has begun to produce a better quality cardboard, even while utilizing less bitumen. The new method will enable the factory to save 2.5 million dinars per year.

The factory also produces insulators against moisture, water, and sound. Soon it will begin the production of phenol, varnishes for the protection of iron, a special rubberoid cardboard for roofing, and light insulating bricks for industrial furnaces. Its branch factory, which has various shops in the Jesenice Ironworks, began on 15 April 1950 to produce slag wool from slag, for insulating boilers and steam pipes.

**ISTRIAN BRICK FACTORY BEGINS PRODUCTION -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 135, 8 Jun 50**

Koper, 7 June (Tanjung) -- In the vicinity of Siccjole, Istria, a new brick factory began production recently. It will produce from 14,000 to 16,000 bricks per day.

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